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Illinois Commerce Commission
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Illinois Commerce Commission
ATTN: Director of Processing and Information Section
527 E. Capital Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

RE: Order #T04-0085
DeKalb Wayside Horns on Union Pacific Railroad Property
Section No. 99-EN026-00-RR

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing with a quarterly update for information regarding the progress of the implementation of the Commerce Commission order for wayside horns at four crossings in DeKalb, Illinois. At this time, the City's electrical contractor, Bodine Electrical Company of Decatur has installed underground conduit, serving two of the four crossings and is expected to complete underground work and pole foundations around mid-April 2007. They will then pull wiring and install wayside horn poles and equipment as delivered, likely by mid-May 2007.

Upon the installation of the horn devices, then Union Pacific personnel can make interconnection of the devices to the railroad cabinets for proper coordination and preemption.

Union Pacific Railroad personnel are planning the North Sixth Street crossing be made one way northbound and proposes to do such work within the next 45 days. The City of DeKalb will then have striping changes and signage indicating Sixth Street has been made one way northbound between Route 38 and Locust Street to complete that crossing change.

All work, including testing of wayside horns in coordination with Union Pacific signal personnel, should occur in May and June ahead of the overall completion date of late June 2007. After the wayside horn devices are operational, and in conformance with Union Pacific Railroad regulations, a notice to the Federal Railroad Administration will be made for a notice of quiet zone implementation to cause DeKalb to have a quiet zone between the crossings of South First Street and North Tenth Street.

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Please contact me if you have questions with the above.

Very truly yours,

City of DeKalb


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ICC Order No. T04-0085

Order entered June 28, 2006

Completion deadline June 28, 2007

Type of improvement: Wayside horns to be installed at four crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in DeKalb, Illinois. The order includes railroad circuitry interconnection of the horn equipment, addition of a pedestrian gate at the 4th Street crossing, and vehicle and pedestrian gates changes for the N. 6th Street crossing made one-way.

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